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Johnson's Star Lilies on Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.  
Grown by Dr. J. H. Hill.

## ☆ STAR TRIO ☆

Star Lilies are unsurpassed for their brilliant, clear colors and number of flowers. They are easily grown and hardy. See page 8 for further details and complete cultural directions. Particularly attractive when planted 3 to a box, we offer a special collection at a very special price of 3 Blue and Rose Star (our selection). Shipped Postpaid.....

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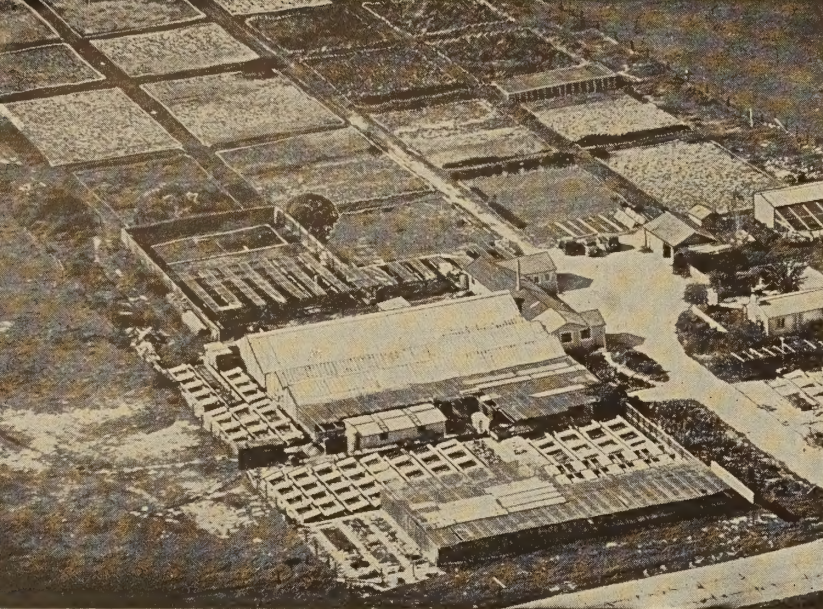
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**California *SUNSHINE* Grown Water Lilies** . . ALL Prices Include Delivery Charges





An air view of our nurseries. At the back are our pools for water lilies and other aquatics. Facing the street are our cold frames and greenhouses for growing cacti and succulents.

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Here we go again. All the trials and tribulations of the past year behind us and a whole new year before us. Isn't it exciting to look forward to your spring garden with all its wonderful smells and colors? Be sure to include a pool for water lilies in your plans. For sheer exquisite beauty nothing can surpass hardy or tropical water lilies. Flowering all summer, they will provide your garden with a riot of color.

Our firm was actually established in Bordentown, New Jersey, in 1876 by Mr. E. D. Sturtevant. We still have his original catalog printed at that date on file. Some years afterward the firm was moved to North Hollywood, near Los Angeles, purchased by my father and moved to North Long Beach. In 1930 the firm was moved to its present location in Paramount (formerly Hynes). Mr. Johnson is still active in the firm and sees to it that his sons, Hal and Ethan, both active in the business, carry out the firm's long standing policy of shipping only the best plants possible and giving the best service we know how to give.

We would also like to draw your attention to our other great specialty, Cacti and Succulents. If you would like a copy of our colored catalog on these fascinating and beautiful plants, just drop us a postcard addressed to Johnson Cactus Gardens, Box 300, Paramount, California, with your request for a cactus catalog, and we will be glad to mail a copy to you free.

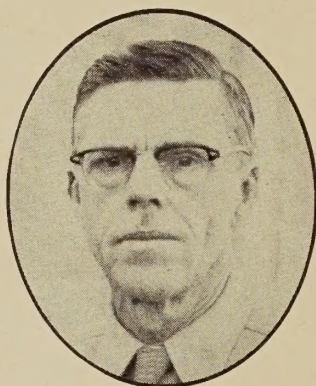
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Years of beauty and enjoyment are yours for a  
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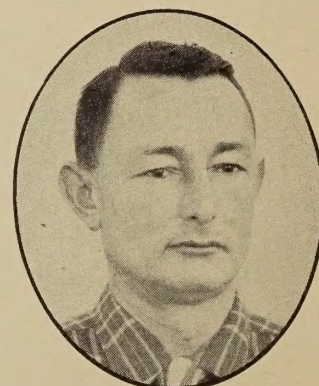


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# Here Are a Few Ways to Build a Water Lily Pool!

## A Permanent Feature of Your Garden, Providing a Focal Point of Interest and Enjoyment

1. The easiest pool to build is to merely sink a No. 3 galvanized tub into the ground. The tub will last a good many years just that way. If you wish you can paint the tub with an asphalt emulsion. A 50-gallon wooden barrel sawed in half will make a fine tub garden too.
2. Another simple pool to build wherever you have a clay or adobe soil to work with, is to scoop out the soil to the proper depth (2 feet) and by alternately wetting and working the soil with your feet or a stick to a depth of 6 inches or more. This is called "puddling" and when done properly it is about as watertight as concrete.
3. In place of puddling you can line the dirt walls with an asphalt emulsion or cold patch asphalt (such as is used on roofs) and while still liquid spread a light covering of crushed stone (about a No. 5 grade) over it. When dry in about 2 days, repeat the process until you have about 3 layers built up. A final coat of cement and water mixed into paste and brushed on (Bondex will work as well) will insure its watertightness.
4. Another method that works fine for a square or rectangular pool is to use concrete brick. With this method you can build your pool above ground or flush with the surface. First lay a concrete floor 3-4 inches thick and before it sets hard lay the first row of concrete bricks. From there build up to the desired height (2 feet is best, 18 inches will do). Next make sure the interior is perfectly clean and then paint it with the cement and water paste or Bondex. Repeat once or twice and you will have a perfectly watertight pool.
5. Still another method using concrete, involving sloping walls, is to scoop out the pool to the desired depth and shape and then to line the walls with ordinary chicken wire, holding it off the walls ½-1 inch with large nails or

wooden pegs. Just plaster the cement on and smooth with a trowel. Walls 3-4 inches thick are about right. Before it is completely set, brush the cement and water paste on as before.

6. Where vertical walls are desired and you wish an informal shape, the best method is to draw the outline of the pool on the ground in the spot you have selected. Then by using a post hole digger (it will give you about the right wall thickness) dig a trench on the pattern you have laid out to the desired pool depth, making sure it is an even depth all around. To insure a good seam it is advisable to scoop out part of the wall at the bottom of the ditch facing the center of the pool. Then fill the ditch with cement. When set you can dig out the center and pour the floor. As before paint the interior with cement and water, or Bondex.

## JOHNSON'S WATER LILY FERTILIZER

For the most flowers and most vigorous plants, try our fertilizer. When preparing new soil for your lilies, mix 2 cupfuls to a bushel of soil. When fertilizing growing water lilies place a tablespoonful in a paper sack and push down into the mud.

### THESE PRICES ARE POSTPAID TO YOUR DOOR

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Things you will need with a new pool.  
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A group of accessories to make your pool a complete success.

2½ lbs. Johnson's Water Lily Fertilizer  
1 lb. Johnson's Goldfish Food  
1 Volck Oil Spray (4 oz.) to control aphids without harm to goldfish.

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- 5 WATER LILIES. Formosa, Gloriosa, Sunrise, Comanche, and Gonnere.
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# HARDY WATER LILIES—the *Earliest to Flower in the Spring . . .*

## *Winter Hardy Anywhere*

### WHITE HARDYS

**VIRGINALIS.** Huge dazzling white blossoms 4-6 inches in diameter and pale green leaves. We have grown this beauty for many years and find it is always the first of all to flower in spring and last to flower in the fall. A magnificent lily readily adaptable to large or small pools. We consider Virginalis the finest hardy waterlily. **Each \$6.00**

**GONNERE.** Sparkling white and very double. Give it generous treatment and enjoy its bounteous flowers. See page 7 for color illustration. **Each \$3.50**

**GLADSTONE.** Large dazzling white flowers with broad, cupped petals and yellow stamens. A lusty grower not recommended for small pools. **Each \$3.50**

**HERMINE.** Beautiful, starry, snow-white flowers. While it is a vigorous grower it is not a large plant and does particularly well in small pools. **Each \$2.35**

**MARLIAC WHITE.** An old favorite and one of the hardiest. **Each \$2.50**

**SNOWBALL.** Delightfully scented, large white, many petalled flowers with a faint pink blush at the base of the petals. A handsome lily. **Each \$4.00**

**LOOSE.** Large, snow-white flowers. A very vigorous grower recommended for naturalizing. **Each \$3.00**

**WHITE BUTTERFLY.** An exquisite small lily with lovely white flowers about 2-2½ in. diam. **Each \$2.75**

### RED AND CRIMSON HARDYS

**GLORIOSA.** Our ponds would lose much of their beauty without the fiery carpets of blossoms of this glorious water lily. Each blossom is a glowing cup of bright red, 4-5 inches in diameter. It often flowers within 3 weeks of planting and I have counted 150 open flowers on a 15-foot patch of them. See back cover for color picture. **Each \$3.50**

### FORMOSA

A lovely pink with broad round tipped petals and rich yellow stamens. One of the best. **Each \$3.50**



**COMANCHE**

Sunset color, beginning in early spring and still in flower when fall frosts sear the pool. It will easily accommodate itself to the smallest pool. **Each \$3.75**

### TWO BEAUTIES

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The two beauties on this page, Comanche and Formosa (or any two hardy lilies in this catalog of the same price) shipped Postpaid at the special collection price of \$6.75.

**ATTRACTION.** A very bright red lily verging on crimson, the outer sepals almost white. Unlike many other red lilies the flowers are borne on a stiff stem well above the water. The color is darkest in warm weather; early in spring they are often almost pink. A hardy healthy plant very free in bloom. See page 11 for color picture. **Each \$3.50**

**ESCARBOUCLE.** The clearest and most vermilion red of all hardy lilies. It stands out in any group and is one of our most admired kinds. See color picture page 7. **Each \$4.00**

**CONQUEROR.** A favorite with huge garnet-red flowers and pink flushed, white sepals. Makes a splendid specimen with plenty of room, but is adaptable and will do nicely in small pools. **Each \$3.50**

**ROBINSONI.** A warm red blossom with orange-red stamens, a particularly vivid combination that shows up very well. Hardy and free flowering. **Each \$3.50**

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# How to Plant Water Lilies...

## THEIR CULTURE, GROWTH AND CARE OF POOLS

**T**HE culture of water lilies is very simple and there are no stumbling blocks such as one often runs into in caring for many garden plants. Since they grow in water they do not need daily attention to watering. In hot, dry weather they will not burn up nor will they drown out in prolonged, cold rains.

Most aquatics are gross feeders and appreciate a rich soil. They will grow well in any type of soil if enriched either with Johnson's Water Lily Fertilizer or with cow or stable manure. In poor soils they cannot make the lush, green growth you have a right to expect. Thus unless your soil is exceptionally rich we advise some form of fertilizer. **Do not use too much** but follow instructions below.

Remember that aquatics thrive best where they receive at least a reasonable amount of sunlight. Shady water is very cold.

### CARE OF THE NEW POOL

There are two different ways to prepare your pool for planting. The simplest and most convenient way is to plant in boxes filled with earth. This makes it much more practical to thoroughly clean the pool in spring and helps greatly to keep the growth of plants in check.

In very small pools or where they are too shallow, i.e., less than 12 inches, it is sometimes best to cover the bottom with soil, allowing for from 6 to 12 inches of water. However, unless the plants are watched, the stronger kinds are liable to smother out the less vigorous. There is much to be said for both methods, but the more experienced growers seem to prefer boxes.

After the soil or boxes are in we have found it stimulating to plant growth to drain the pool in about 10 days and fill with fresh water. To prevent the plants being injured by drying while draining they must be protected by wet rags or newspapers.

**BOX CONSTRUCTION.** Boxes should be at least 15 inches square and, if pool is deep enough, 12 inches in depth. Larger boxes up to 2 or 3 feet square will give you prize winning blossoms. Make them of pine wood and they will last 20 years. **Never use redwood.**

**SOIL.** The best soil is a good garden loam such as roses do well in. A clay or heavy loam is better than a sandy one as it has enough fertility to carry the plants through a vigorous season's growth. Lilies, however, are not particular and we have grown show specimens in every type of soil.

**FERTILIZERS.** Cow manure is very good used at the rate of one shovelful to four of soil. Used thus it does not need to be decayed. Mix well and pack moderately firm in the boxes. Stable manure may be used as above. Chicken and rabbit manure must be used with great care and in small amounts, as they are much given to burning the roots. We suggest as the simplest and most satisfactory fertilizer that Johnson's Water Lily Fertilizer be used. It is especially prepared, very economical, and gives splendid results. See below for prices.

Where cow or other animal fertilizers are used we suggest draining and refilling as described under "Care of New Pools."

### USE JOHNSON'S WATER LILY FERTILIZER

The result of years of experience this excellent aquatic plant food is compounded on our own formula. When preparing new soil for your lilies, mix 2 cupfuls to a bushel of soil. When fertilizing growing water lilies, place a tablespoonful in a paper sack and push down into the mud.

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2½ lb. bag .....	\$1.35
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### PLANTING AND CARE OF TROPICAL LILIES

Tropical Lilies are especially at home in America. Our warm spring and summer weather and warm nights induce a luxurious growth hardly equaled in their native lands. Don't be in too great a hurry to plant them in spring—not till warm, settled weather is assumed. Our Blue Triumph and Blue Beauty are particularly hardy and may be planted somewhat earlier.

In planting simply scoop out a hole, then settle the soil about the roots. As the plants mature we keep the old and yellowed leaves picked off which greatly accelerates their flowering. Two or three times during the summer we give our plants one or two tablespoons of fertilizer. Apply by wrapping in cloth and shoving in the mud a foot or so from the plants. Do not give too much or the roots may be burned. Such treatment will keep them flowering till heavy frost.

### STAR LILIES AND HOW TO PLANT THEM

These charming tropical lilies form hard tubers in the fall and thus winter easily if kept in damp sand in a frost-free place. See figure 3 at left. Plant them out in May. They may be started in a pail of water without soil in a warm window. After they have sprouted well they grow amazingly fast and bloom almost at once.

### NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICAL LILIES

These startlingly beautiful lilies are natives of India and Africa. They luxuriate during our warm summers and when established bloom most freely and are hardy, vigorous plants. Generally speaking, they flower somewhat later than day blooming varieties, but continue flowering until late frosts. Do not crowd them and they will give you a truly gorgeous display. Feed them well during the summer.

### HARDY WATER LILIES

These are the most widely known lilies and are quite different from all the other kinds. They have a creeping rhizome, as in figure 2 above, and **must be planted as pictured—horizontally.** Do not plant them upright. If the leaves are submerged when planting they will quickly grow to the surface. Barely cover the "root" with soil and if it is inclined to float place a brick over it. Many plants will be in flower within 3 or 4 weeks! They enjoy summer fertilizings and having the older yellowed leaves picked off.

### LOTUS

While these are perfectly winter hardy yet they come from the tropics of India and China. The rhizomes are easily broken and must be handled with great care. They look very like a banana. Scoop out the soil and gently cover, leaving the growing tip just exposed. Give them plenty of room—a 2 foot box is none too large.

### SHALLOW WATER AND BOG PLANTS

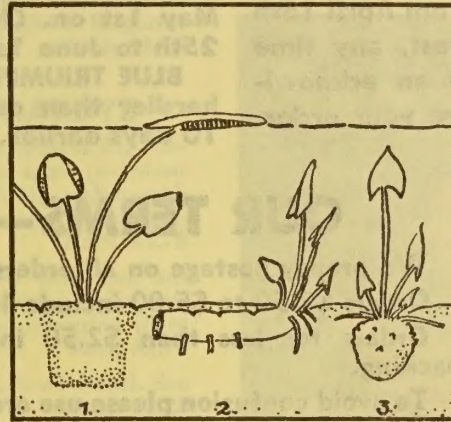
These varied plants grow in water from 2 to 12 inches deep. Give them rich soil and several summer feedings for best results. More detailed instructions are given with the plants.

### WINTER CARE OF AQUATICS AND POOLS

Hardy Water Lilies, perhaps with the best results, may be left undisturbed if the pool can be boarded over or otherwise protected from too deep freezing. Generally the boards will give ample protection if covered over with a heavy thickness of leaves or straw with a layer of soil over all. The parents of the Hardy varieties come from the temperate zone, some growing as far north as Finland, so they are amply hardy if ice does not freeze solidly about them.

In very cold climates some advocate taking the boxes in which the lilies grow into the basement away from frost, being sure to keep them **wet all winter.** Keep a sharp eye out for mice. Others prefer to dig a deep trench and bury the boxes below the frost line. All these methods are extensively used. Boarding the pool over, however, prevents ice damage to the pool and thus serves a dual purpose.

Of the Tropical Lilies only the Star Lilies can be wintered without a warm greenhouse pool.



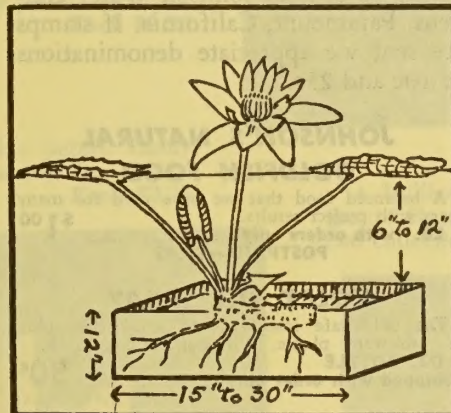
Three Kinds of Water Lily Roots

This drawing explains the three main kinds of Water Lily rhizome or "roots." Note particularly how you should plant them in the soil—upright or horizontal!

Fig. 1. A pot grown Tropical Lily.

Fig. 2. The rhizome of all Hardy Lilies.

Fig. 3. The tuber of our Star Lilies.



PLANTING THE NEW LILY

When preparing the soil for planting do not lay the plants in the sun but keep them wrapped or place in a pail of water. After the boxes are ready you may plant before turning the water in if you cover them with wet newspapers. Perhaps the safest way is to delay planting until the water rises above the boxes. We generally fill the pool several days before planting so the sun may warm the water.



# OUR SHIPPING DATES—

## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### WHEN WE SHIP HARDY LILIES

We ordinarily ship Hardy Lilies and Plants to warmer parts from March and April on. In the latitude of Chicago and New York from April 15th on. We will ship, on special request, any time during the year. You will receive an acknowledgment card as soon as we receive your order.

### GUARANTEE

#### 65 Years of Customer Satisfaction

We guarantee to ship you only our finest, vigorous plants true to name and assume full responsibility that they reach you in a fresh and satisfactory planting condition. We will replace without cost any not so received if notified within 10 days.

**GROWTH GUARANTEED.** If any plant fails to grow and we are notified within 30 days we will replace same free of charge, customer to pay shipping charges only. At time of complaint remit 75c per Tropical Lily and 50c for Hardy Lilies and other aquatics, to cover postage. To prevent any disappointment our replacements will be made of strong, free blooming plants. Replacements made free when additional plants are ordered.

### POOL ASSORTMENT

Things You Will Need with a New Pool  
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A group of accessories to make your pool a complete success.

2½ lbs. Johnson's Water Lily Fertilizer  
1 lb. Johnson's Goldfish Food

1 Volck Oil Spray (4 oz.) to control aphids without harm to goldfish

**SPECIAL GROUP PRICE.....\$260**



### My Little Book on Pools...

If you have not built your pool this little booklet will be

of great help to you. Many pools that have been built by our customers are illustrated, which will give you a general idea of the various types. Detail drawings showing how a pool is built as well as instructions on how to mix the concrete, water-proof the surface, put in drainage pipes, and other useful data are included.

We have been building pools and giving advice and information on them for over 75 years, so you are assured of expert advice. You will find our plans time proven, and practicable to build. We will be glad to help you at any time with any problems you might have with pool construction.

**BOOKLET SENT FOR.....10c**

### Natural pools are inexpensively constructed from clay.

If you have a heavy, sticky clay soil you may easily construct a serviceable pool by excavating to a depth of 2 feet and thoroughly puddling the wet clay by tamping to a depth of 6 inches. When finished it should be just about as watertight as concrete if thoroughly puddled.

If your soil is not clay you may achieve the same results by hauling in a 6 or 8 inch layer of good, gummy clay.

### TUB GARDENS

A large barrel (50 gallon pickle barrels are fine) cut in half will make two nice tub gardens when partly filled with soil and sunk in the ground. No. 3 galvanized washtubs may be used also.

### WHEN WE SHIP TROPICAL LILIES

These should not be planted too early for best results.

To warmer South and south Pacific Coast from May 1st on. Chicago and New York areas May 25th to June 1st. Too early planting is time lost.

BLUE TRIUMPH and Blue Beauty are somewhat hardier than other tropicals and we ship up to 10 days earlier.

## OUR TERMS—PLEASE READ

We prepay postage on all orders of \$5.00 or more.

Orders \$2.50 to \$5.00 include 10% extra for postage and packing.

Orders for less than \$2.50 include 50c extra for postage and packing.

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**ORDER EARLY.** Order immediately and you may leave to our judgment the proper shipping date. We are of course, glad to ship on any date you specify. Promptness in shipping your orders as well as quality have built our business.

Please make all checks and money orders payable to Johnson Water Gardens, Paramount, California. If stamps are sent we appreciate denominations of 10c and 25c.

### JOHNSON'S NATURAL GOLDFISH FOOD

A balanced food that we have used for many years with perfect results.

1 LB. (with orders only).....\$100

POSTPAID—\$1.45

### VOLCK OIL SPRAY

The only safe insecticide to spray the aphids on your water plants. Will not harm goldfish.

4 OZ. BOTTLE (Shipped with order only).....50c

### NO PLANTS SHIPPED C.O.D.

Owing to their perishable nature plants are not shipped C.O.D.

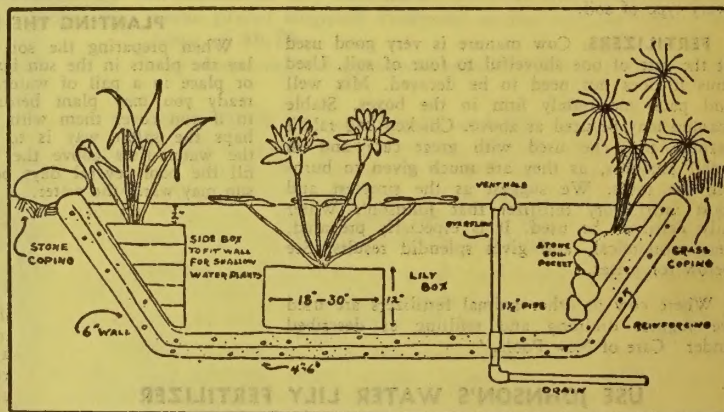
### HOW AND WHEN WE SHIP

Our plants are all packed in specially prepared boxes by experienced packers. They are wrapped in waxed paper with damp excelsior in such careful fashion that they retain their fresh growing condition perfectly. In your pool, within a day after planting, they will appear as though they had never been transplanted.

**ALL OUR DELIVERIES ARE TO YOUR DOOR BY PARCEL POST.**

Parcel Post is by far the most efficient way to receive plants for it is speedy, careful, and obviates any loss of time by delivering directly to your door.

**DEALER'S PRICES.** To qualified nurserymen, florists and dealers, we offer attractive prices in any quantities, large or small. Wholesale lists are sent only when request made on business stationery.



### How to Build a Pool

Pools are very simply built, the principal thing to remember being to have them about 2 feet deep, which allows a foot for the boxes or soil in which lilies are planted and 8 to 12 inches of water. Such a pool will give optimum results, though of course pools much shallower or much deeper are perfectly satisfactory. About 12 hours after the concrete is poured it may be water-proofed by painting it with pure cement mixed with water to the consistency of cream. The pool may then be filled with water and left for a week or so to cure.



# RARE HARDY LILIES

## RED HARDYS (cont. from page 4)

**METEOR.** Intense carmine red. The four sepals are pale red and serve by contrast to intensify the carmine of the petals. Each \$4.50

**WILLIAM FALCONER.** Deepest crimson red. The darkest of all. Each \$4.50

**RED BUTTERFLY.** For brilliancy of flower and freedom of bloom this dwarf variety is hardly equalled. Brightest crimson red! Each \$2.75

## SUNSET AND CHANGEABLE HARDYS

**COMANCHE.** I feel no hesitancy in recommending Comanche to anyone seeking the hardiest and most persistent blooming of lilies. In color it is a rich glowing amber with heart of fire. As the blossoms age they become dark orange-red. See color illustration page 4. Each \$3.75

**PAUL HARIOT.** A very attractive variety with fine, soft yellow blossoms flushed with apricot on opening but deepening to coppery-red by the third day. A free flowering plant admired by all. Each \$2.75

**AURORA.** A bright vari-colored blossom. Semi-dwarf. See illustration page 10. Each \$2.25

## YELLOW HARDYS

**SUNRISE.** The giant among hardy lilies. See color illustration below. An extremely graceful blossom reaching almost 10 inches in diameter. A fine lily for the beginner as it is easy to grow and spectacularly beautiful. Each \$3.75

**MARLIAC YELLOW.** Cheerful, sulphur yellow blossoms and heavily brown blotched leaves. Each \$2.50

## SUNRISE

The largest of hardy lilies. Graceful lax petals. Easily grown and spectacularly beautiful. See above for special collection price. Each \$3.75



## GLORIOUS TRIO

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The three glorious hardy lilies pictured on this page (or any three hardy lilies of equal value in this catalog) shipped Postpaid at the outstanding collection price of..... **\$1000**



## ESCARBOUCLE

A brilliant vermillion red that stands out in any group. Hardy and free blooming. See above for special collection price. Each \$4.00



## GONNERE

A very beautiful, pure white variety of exquisite form, each blossom being almost a globe. It likes a good rich loam. See above for special collection price. Each \$3.50

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## STAR TRIO ☆ ☆ ☆

**3** Blue and Rose Star Lilies (our selection). Plant the three together in a box 2 to 3 feet across for perfect color harmony. An outstanding value. **\$5**  
Postpaid.....

### VIVID COLORS FREE-BLOOMING AND HARDY SEE FRONT COVER FOR COLOR PICTURE

These are amongst our most enjoyable lilies. They grow freely even in small pools producing an endless succession of their beautiful starry blossoms. One may reasonably expect a hundred flowers in a season from a box of them. Customers have written they have had more than 150. The blossoms have a grace and attractiveness quite their own being borne high above the water on slender arcuate stems. The colors are bright and vivid like sunlight through a prism. In size they are all that could be desired averaging from 5 to 8 inches in diameter and when cut for the table last for days. The fresh, elusive fragrance they breathe of Lily of the Valley endears them to all.

#### HOW THEY ARE SHIPPED

Star Lilies are always sent as dormant tubers and thus may be planted out early along with your Hardy Lilies. They will sprout when the water becomes warm—68° or more.

#### BLUE STAR

The starry, brilliant purple-blue blossoms are scented with the fragrance of Lily of the Valley. Throughout the summer they are borne in endless succession often to 4 or 5 will be open at once, each from 5 to 8 inches in diameter. When planted alone give them a box 15 to 18 inches across and preferably a clayey garden loam for soil. **Each \$2.50**

#### ROSE STAR

Brilliant luminous pink. All the Star Lilies are quite similar in growth varying only in color. Their care is exactly the same. Choose a warm sunny spot in the pool with water 6 to 8 inches deep. The cold of the deep water retards their early growth. **Each \$2.50**

#### PINK STAR

Gay, silvery pink. A fascinating flower with its rich yellow stamens and stigmatic cup. Interesting is the fact about the Star Lilies that the color of the undersurface of the leaves approximates the color of the flower, i.e., purple leaves with purple flowers. **Each \$2.75**

# Star Lilies (See Cover)

#### PURPLE STAR

Purple-blue blossoms similar to Blue Star, but much darker. One of the wonderful qualities of Star Lilies is their delicious fragrance. **Each \$3.50**

#### ORCHID STAR

Pink flushed with light blue. All Star Lilies have tall stems that make them wonderful for cut-flowers. **Each \$3.50**

#### HOW TO WINTER STAR LILIES

These semi-hardy Johnson lilies are easily carried through the winter in the dormant tuber state. The tubers we send you will continue to sprout again each spring for several years! By no means throw them away in the fall. These old tubers may be removed (pulled off) from beneath the young plants any time after midsummer. After removal they should be stored in a box of moist sand or soil in a frost free cellar until the following spring, when they may be planted once again.

The young plants make splendid tubers also if the box in which they are planted is lifted almost to the surface in September which will force the plant to quit growing and ripen off its bulb. Another method is to take a young plant in the spring after it has 4 or 5 leaves and pot it up in a 5 inch pot or can. It will form a fine tuber by late fall.

#### PLANTING STAR TUBERS



As shown at the left the tuber is a rough "bulb" about the size of a walnut. At the top the bud is closely covered with brown wool which if spread will show the yellow tips of the new leaves. Plant with bud end up ½ inch deep in soil in 6 inches of water or sprout in pail of water in a warm window in early May.



**100 Flowers in a Season  
is not Unusual**



# JOHNSON'S BARGAIN COLLECTIONS



## 5 PERFECT POOL COLLECTIONS

### RAINBOW TRIO

Coll. V 50

A collection for a medium size pool of approximately 5 by 7 ft. As with all our collections, the plants have been especially selected with an eye to your certain success. The plants we send to you, in all cases, are full flowering size, ready to bloom plants. Plant them in good clayey loam as per instructions on page 5 and you will have glorious bloom all summer.

**GLORIOSA.** Firey cups of bright red, free flowering (see page 20).

**GONNERE.** Double flowers of glistening white like huge snowballs (see picture page 7.)

**AMABILIS.** Huge star-shaped flowers of delicate pink.

All the above hardy water lilies, among our very best, shipped full flowering size, ready to bloom, plus the following choice bog plants and oxygenating plants.

**Pygmy Papyrus.** Small, compact, feathery plumes.

**Pickerel Rush.** Dark green lance leaves, spikelets of purple flowers all summer.

**3 Water Poppy.** Bright yellow poppy-like flowers all summer. Grows like a small water lily.

**3 bunches Fish Grass.** The best oxygenating plant.

**All the above Plants Shipped to Your Door Postpaid for . . .**

**\$1125**

### SMALL POOL

Coll. V 60



**ATTRACTIVE  
BEAUTIFUL**

**CHEAP**

**Paul Hariot,** peach color, hardy lily

**Hermine,** white hardy lily

**Pickerel Rush**

**Yellow Water Iris**

**Peacock Hyacinth**

**3 Water Poppy**

**3 Ludwigia**

**3 Fish Grass**

**2 Parrot Feather**

**3 Floating Heart**

**\$745**

**Shipped Postpaid . . .**



**GLORIOUS  
BRILLIANT  
COLORS**

### COMPLETE TUB GARDEN

Coll. V 11

All the plants needed for a pleasing tub garden and one from which you will derive much pleasure. The plants have been chosen for the beauty they will lend the garden and their ease of culture.

- 1 Hardy Water lily, **Gloriosa**
- 1 Floating plant, **Peacock Hyacinth**
- 3 Water Poppy
- Pickerel Rush**
- Pygmy Papyrus**
- 3 Fish Grass

**An Amazing Value  
Shipped Postpaid . . .**

**\$545**

### TOUGHIES

Coll. V 3

Two of the best Hardy Water Lilies.

**AMABILIS,** or **Formosa,** with large pink blossoms.

**ATTRACTION,** with dark red blossoms (see picture page 11).

Just the lilies to complete your pool planting at a very special saving.

**These Two Choice Hardy  
Waterlilies Shipped  
Postpaid for . . .**

**\$625**

### DELUXE TUB GARDEN

Coll. V 45

2-year-old **BLUE TRIUMPH**—full of buds and ready to bloom in our pool just days after planting! **PLUS** 6 small aquatics to complete your tub garden deluxe 3 Water Poppy, Pickerel Rush, Pygmy Papyrus, and 3 bunches of Fish grass.

**Shipped Postpaid . . .**

**\$625**



## YELLOW HARDYS (cont. from page 7)

**YELLOW PYGMY.** A baby jewel with dainty yellow blossoms. See picture page 11. Each \$1.75

**MOOREI.** A rare variety with broad, cupped petals and the brightest yellow blossoms of all. Each \$4.00



### SPLENDIDA

One-half natural size.

This lily is a blaze of richly colored blossoms all summer long flowering until you wonder whence all the buds come from. Will accommodate itself to any size pool and bloom abundantly.

Each \$3.75

## PINK AND ROSE HARDYS

**FORMOSA.** See color illustration page 4. Recommended as one of the most satisfactory and free flowering in our collection. Each \$3.50

**MARLIAC PINK.** A vigorous free blooming plant. Flowers white flushed with pink at base of petals. Each \$3.00

**MARY PATRICIA.** A semi-dwarf lily with lovely cup-shaped pink blossoms. Very free flowering. See picture back cover. Each \$3.00

**AMABILIS.** A most graceful blossom with long, attenuate petals giving a starry effect. Each petal is of tender pink. Each \$3.50

**VENUSTA.** Lovely cerise-pink petals with a satiny sheen. Delightful fruity fragrance. Hardy and free blooming. Each \$3.00

**MARGARET LAPLACE.** Bearing extra large, broad petalled blossoms. The base of the petals deep rose shading to paler pink. Each \$7.50

**MRS. RICHMOND.** Considered one of the finest in form and color yet introduced. The huge and massive blossoms shade from rose to strawberry pink at the base of the petals giving it an indescribable beauty. A very profuse bloomer. Each \$6.50



### PINK BUTTERFLY

A very dwarf lily with exquisite pink blossoms the size of dollars. Each \$2.50



### AURORA

A dwarf lily with changeable flowers. Opening pale apricot, changing to amber red. Each \$2.25



## RUSTIC POOL CO

A well planned collection designed to produce a riot of color in your pool all summer. Plant them in heavy loam and watch them grow! See page 5 for full cultural directions. For a pool 6 x 7 or larger.

**SUNRISE.** Clear yellow, the largest.

**ATTRACTION.** Pictured at right. Red.

**COMANCHE.** Opening pale amber and changing to orange red on successive days.

**SPLENDIDA.** Rich flowing pink. Pictured at left above.

10 WATER PLANTS AS SHOWN

See Full Culture Instructions Page 5





## REMEMBER—Our Prices are Postpaid



### A WELL BALANCED AND LUXURIANT POOL

Mr. Audrey A. Kibler of Woodstock, Va., is growing a very representative collection of aquatics. The Star Lilies in the center box has 7 blossoms. Blue Triumph, Sunrise, Formosa, and Gonnere are flowering while the Sacred Lotus shows several buds. The smaller aquatics as the Water Poppy are profuse.

### PYGMY WATER LILIES

These are amongst our daintiest lilies and quickly make themselves at home. Some are very dwarf, others intermediate, but all are free flowering and just the plants to fill in that odd corner. For the tiny pool or tub garden they are unexcelled. They do best in 6 to 8 inches of water and a box a foot across will accommodate them.

**PINK BUTTERFLY.** A very dwarf lily with exquisite pink blossoms the size of dollars. Blooms unbelievably freely, grows easily. A real jewel. Will grow in water 4 in. deep.

Each \$2.50

**ORANGE BUTTERFLY.** Charming orange yellow flowers.

Each \$2.25

**RED BUTTERFLY.** Big crimson blossoms. Unexcelled for freedom and richness of flower. One of the best lilies grown. Each \$2.75

**WHITE BUTTERFLY.** Charming white flowers. Intermediate in habit.

Each \$2.75

**YELLOW PYGMY.**

Each \$1.75



### YELLOW PYGMY

The very tiniest of all water lilies. Blooms with exceptional freedom. Flowers size of 50c piece.

Each \$1.75

### BUTTERFLY TRIO

Collection V 1

Red Butterfly

Orange Butterfly

Pink Butterfly

SHIPPED

POSTPAID FOR...

**\$6.75**

### ATTRACTION

One of the attractive features of the flower is the pale, almost white sepals which set the deep red petals off to perfection. This attractive Hardy Lily bears large blossoms on strong upright stems.

Each \$3.50



## COLLECTION V 5

**BOG PLANTS.** Giant Arrowhead, papery white blossoms and lance leaves. Papyrus, graceful green plumes. Pickerel Rush, dark blue spikes. 3 Water Poppy, bright yellow. Umbrella Palm, a fine pool or border plant. Water Hyacinth, a floating plant with blue flowers. (Due to a new Federal Law Water Hyacinth cannot be shipped interstate, and for that reason Peacock Hyacinth will have to be substituted on all orders except those going to California.)

**ABOVE . . . POSTPAID \$16.50**



# SHALLOW WATER AND BOG PLANTS



**PICKEREL RUSH**

Up to 3 feet tall. Spikelets of wooly, blue flowers.

Each 50c, 2 for 75c



**UMBRELLA PALM**

Excellent for shallow water or pool-side. 3-5 ft. tall.

Each 50c, 2 for 75c



**PRIMROSE  
WILLOW**

Coppery leaves, bright yellow flowers.

Each 50c



**PAPYRUS**

Tall plumed heads to 6 ft. Fine shallow water or poolside.

Each 75c, 2 for \$1.25



**YELLOW WATER  
IRIS**

Up to 4 ft. shallow water or poolside. Spring flowering.

Each 50c, 2 for 75c

**NO POOL IS REALLY COMPLETE** unless these free-growing and inexpensive small plants are included. Natural pools have a profusion of picturesque arrowheads, flags and rushes growing in the shallow water. The plants below will duplicate these pleasing effects in your own pool.

**CULTURE:** Plant them in pots, pails or boxes using any good, preferably clayey, soil enriched with fertilizer. If water is too deep pots may be raised with bricks. A little fertilizer every two weeks will give remarkably fine growth and flowers.

**PLANTING DEPTH.** Those marked thus † do best in water 6 inches or so in depth. An asterisk \* means 2 to 3 inches. Some marked ‡ do equally well in water from 2 inches up to 12 inches.

‡**SOUTH AMERICAN GIANT ARROWHEAD.** Flowers when a few inches tall. With plenty of fertilizer will reach 5 ft. in height! An attractive boggy plant with tall spikes of white blossoms. Each 50c, 2 for 75c

‡**AZURE PICKEREL RUSH.** This attractive plant bears spikes of bright blue florets, the buds shining with silvery wool. Ordinarily 2-3 ft. tall with rich soil reaches over 4 ft. Never without flowers all summer. Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00

**HORSETAIL.** Dark green stalks to 3 ft. ringed with black at the joints. Fine for shallow or moist ground. Each 75c

\***BUTTERCUP BUSH.** Pictured below. Flowers when very small. Makes an attractive branched plant 1 to 2 ft. tall. When given plenty of fertilizer and rich soil will reach 6 ft. in height being covered with 3 in. yellow blossoms. Grows in wet soil or water up to 12 inches deep. Each 50c, 2 for 75c

‡**WATER POPPY.** Grows like a dwarf water lily with delicate, yellow, poppy-like blossoms. See picture next page. 3 for 50c, per doz. \$1.50

‡**PRIMROSE CREEPER.** A splendid, rapid growing, floating vine with waxy, shining leaves and 2 in. yellow blossoms. Thrives anywhere but blooms exceedingly freely when crowded in shallow water with a good soil. 3 bunches 50c

\***BUTTERFLY RUSH.** An erect growing aquatic pictured below. Does well in either sun or shade. Grows 2-3 ft. tall with fluttering white flower spikes. Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00

\***SPIRAL PALM.** A pretty clump of grassy foliage above which tall plummy heads of rust brown flowers rise. Each 50c, 2 for 75c

\***GOLDEN BUTTERFLY LILY** (*Hedychium gardnerianum*). Tall canna-like foliage each shoot terminated with an 8 in. spike of large,

intensely fragrant, orange-yellow flowers. This handsome plant thrives in wet soil or with the crown above water. Easy to grow and may be wintered in basement. Each \$1.75

\***WHITE BUTTERFLY LILY.** (*Hedychium coronarium*). Similar in habit to the above but with flowers pure white. Flowers very fragrant. Each \$1.50

‡**PARROT FEATHER.** Exquisite, parrot-green, trailing, feathery leaved stems. Fine for covering cement work and fountain basins. 3 bunches for 50c, per dozen \$1.50

†**FLOATING HEART.** A very hardy, water lily-like plant thriving in water 2-6 in. deep. Oval leaves and brightest yellow fringed flowers. 3 for 50c, per dozen \$1.50

\***PYGMY PAPYRUS.** A charming new African papyrus growing 1 to 2 ft. tall. Dark green stalks with 3 in. wide plumed heads. See picture next page. Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00

\***DWARF VARIEGATED SWEET FLAG.** A fine brightly white and green striped plant to 10 inches tall. Very pretty. Thrives in shallow water and rich soil. Each 75c

**CHINESE WATER CHESTNUT.** A rush-like plant about 2 ft. high. The edible tubers are formed at the base in the autumn. Each 50c



**BUTTERFLY RUSH**

To 3 ft., lance leaves and spikes of papery white flowers.

Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00



**BUTTERCUP BUSH**

This handsome South American water plant grows into a small bush thriving in water up to 6 in. deep. Each 50c, 2 for 75c



# SHALLOW WATER

## BOG PLANTS

\***GRACEFUL CATTAIL.** A familiar bog plant quite at home in the pool. This variety bears long, slender cattails. A particularly good form. Plant in water 2 to 6 in. in depth. **Each \$1.00**

\***DWARF CATTAIL.** Growing to 2½ ft. with very slender leaves. Forms tufted heads rather than usual cattails. Very attractive new plant. **Each 75c**

**PICKEREL RUSH.** Blooming continuously all summer, this hardy old favorite should be in every pool. Bears spikes of purple florets each with a peacock colored eye. Grows 2 ft. tall, thriving in water 2 to 6 in. deep. Plant in pots or boxes. If fertilized the growth will be luxuriant. **Each 50c, 2 for 75c**

‡**PRIMROSE WILLOW.** So very graceful and free flowering that every pool should have it. Generally 2 ft. in height, with good culture it may reach 5 ft. Slender, wand-like branches and pretty yellow blossoms. **Each 50c**

‡**PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE.** A very handsome hardy plant growing 3 to 4 ft. tall and bearing beautiful panicles of brilliant, rose-purple flowers from late July to September. Plant in very shallow water or damp soil. **Each 65c**

\***WATER AMARYLLIS.** Perfectly at home, this rare bog plant bears clusters of extremely fragrant blossoms. The petals are white, backs stained pink. Tender. **Each \$1.25**

\***UMBRELLA PALM.** Does equally well in damp soil or shallow water. Makes a fine winter house plant, if the pot is kept in a saucer of water. **Each 50c, 2 for 75c**

\***DWARF UMBRELLA PALM.** Similar to the above in every way but reaching only 12-18 in. and much finer textured. Excellent **Each 75c, 2 for \$1.25**

‡**WATER CANNA.** An excellent plant for the background with bold canna-like leaves silvery white beneath and graceful arching spikes of purple flowers. Grows from 3 to 4 ft. tall. Will thrive in wet soil or water several inches deep. Mature specimens. **Each \$1.25**

‡**RED LEAVED WATER CANNA.** Exactly like the above, but with leaves pale green, becoming bronzed as they age. Mature plants. **Each \$1.50**

‡**PAPYRUS.** (Egyptian Papyrus.) A very handsome shallow water plant, fine for the background or as a centerpiece. Triangular, smooth stems growing from 3 ft. to 8 ft. each with a plummy head of thread-like leaves often 15 inches across. Give it a rich soil. **Each 75c, 2 for \$1.25**

**WATER HYACINTH.** A popular floating plant with bladder-like leaves and spikes of blue flowers. Goldfish like to lay their eggs on its roots. **3 for 50c, per dozen \$1.50**

Due to a recent Federal law this plant cannot be shipped interstate. We recommend Peacock Hyacinth to our out of state customers.



**WATER HAWTHORNE**  
See descrip. at right.  
**Each \$1.00**

## The Perfect Pool should have Bog Plants

\***YELLOW WATER IRIS.** This hardy flag is one of the most useful aquatics. The bold, sword-like leaves are fine anywhere about the pool. Bears yellow blossoms in late spring. Grows well in the border, in wet soil or in several in. of water. **Each 50c, 2 for 75c**

\***PURPLE WATER IRIS.** Handsome with light purple blossoms. This is not a vigorous grower and does best in not more than 2 in. of water. **Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00**

**RED WATER IRIS.** Fine rust red blossoms in spring. Growing 18 to 24 in. high, it does best in water 2 in. deep or moist ground. **Each 75c**

**WATER HAWTHORNE.** This fine small aquatic blooms all summer long. Grows like a miniature lily in water 4-12 in. deep. Give it a good rich soil. Delicious hawthorne fragrance. **Each \$1.00**

### COLLECTION V 8

Four of our best bog plants, Pygmy Papyrus, Pickerel Rush, Peacock Hyacinth, and 3 Water Poppy at the special collection price of...

**\$185**

### FIVE FLOWERING BEAUTIES

#### Coll. V 20

We have selected these bog plants as the easiest to grow and sure to give you lots of flowers.

So. American Giant Arrowhead (white), Yellow Water Iris, Pickerel Rush (purple), Butterfly Rush (white), and 3 Water Poppies (yellow). **The five for \$2.25**

### BOG PLANTS FOR MEDIUM POOL

#### Coll. V 12

So. American Ct. Arrowhead, Pickerel Rush, 3 Floating Heart, 3 Parrot Feather, 3 Water Poppy, Yellow Water Iris, Azure Pickerel, Peacock Hyacinth, Pygmy Papyrus, Butterfly Rush, Umbrella Palm, Primrose Willow, Chinese Water Chestnut, 6 Eel Grass, 2 Fish Grass, 2 Ludwigia.

**A \$8.00 value shipped postpaid for \$6.50**



#### DOUBLE ARROWHEAD

Powder puffs of purest white with lance shaped leaves. **Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00**



#### PYGMY PAPYRUS

Growing 1-2 ft. tall. Plumed heads of bright green. Should be in every pool. **Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00**



#### PEACOCK HYACINTH

Creeps on surface of water with long stolons sending up short spikes of dark purple flowers. Easily grown.

**Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00**



#### WATER POPPY

Growing like a dwarf water lily with bright yellow blossoms.

**3 for 50c, 12 for \$1.50**





### AUGUST KOCH

A very free blooming Tropical Lily with handsome 6 inch wistaria blue flowers. Note the interesting habit of producing plantlets on the older leaves. Flowering plants. Each \$3.50

### GOLDEN WEST POOLS

**GOLDEN WEST TRIO.** Coll. V30. Panama Pacific, Geo. H. Pring, and August Koch. Shipped Postpaid.....\$9.25

**GOLDEN WEST QUINTET.** Coll. V31. Panama Pacific, Geo. H. Pring, Independence, Pink Pearl, and August Koch. Shipped Postpaid.....\$16.15



### MRS. GEORGE H. PRING

A fine large flowered pure white Tropical Lily that pleasingly contrasts with the blue or pink varieties. It appreciates a rich heavy clayey soil. Vigorous young flowering plants. Each \$3.50

## Colorful Everblooming TROPICAL WATER LILIES

**CULTURE OF TROPICAL LILIES.** Their care is extremely simple and they bloom with astounding freedom. Give them a box 15 to 18 inches in diameter and a foot deep, filling with a rich clayey garden loam well enriched (our Water Lily Fertilizer is fine). If the water becomes murky from the manure change it in about 10 days. As the plants begin to flower keep the old yellowed leaves picked off, which greatly increases bloom.

**PLANTING TIME.** Too early planting is to be avoided. May 25th in Chicago or New York is about right for our 2-year-old plants. This is 10 days earlier than greenhouse plants. Farther south they may be planted earlier. See order blank page 6 for further details.

### A SELECT LIST OF THE BEST TROPICAL LILIES

**DIRECTOR GEORGE T. MOORE.** Gorgeous, rich deep purple-blue flowers. An exceptionally fine hybrid produced by Mr. George H. Pring. Free flowering, strong vigorous growth. Fine flowering plants. Each \$3.95

**LOS ANGELES.** Our own introduction and particularly suited to small pools. The brightest of pink blossoms are borne as many as 4 or 5 at a time. Leaves are brightly spotted red. A very charming plant. Each \$3.75

**PINK PEARL.** A glorious lily with large pearly pink blossoms that are abundantly produced. The plant has pale green leaves and often has two or three flowers open at a time. Flowering plants. Each \$3.50

**INDEPENDENCE.** Large dark rose blossoms flushed with burgundy. Of the same strain as Koch and Panama, Independence is an exceptionally sturdy plant and very free flowering. Flowering plants. Each \$3.95

**MIDNIGHT.** A fine new novelty introduced by Mr. George H. Pring of the Shaw Botanic Gardens, Mo. Of the same dark hue as Director Moore, a deep purple blue, but with the stamens changed to an inner series of narrow petals giving the flower a double appearance. Choice flowering plants. Each \$4.75

**SUNBEAM.** One of several new yellow tropical lilies. We consider Sunbeam the best. Flowers of bright clear yellow borne in great profusion. Flowering plants. Each \$6.00



### PANAMA PACIFIC

This beautiful and unusually colored royal purple lily is the delight of all who have seen it. While the color photo is quite faithful yet it fails to convey the brilliance and richness of the real lily. The fragrant blossoms are 5-8 in. across. Flowering plants. Each \$3.50



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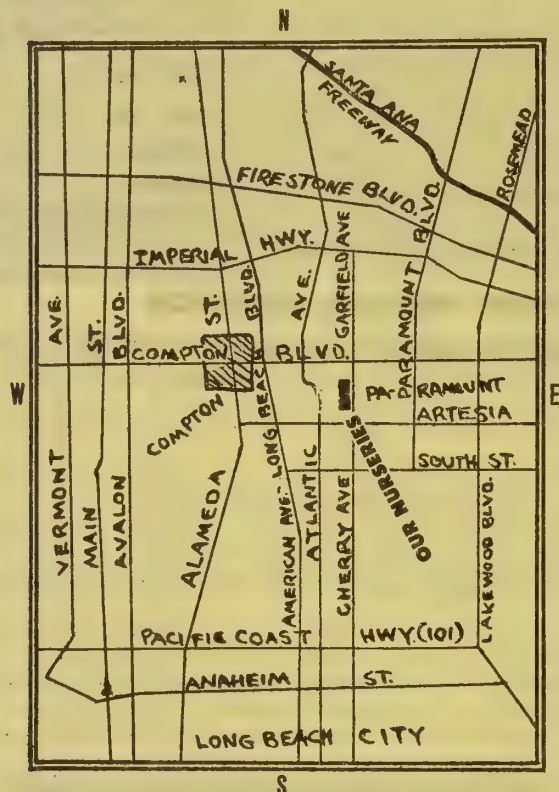


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## HOW TO REACH OUR NURSERIES

If in Los Angeles or Hollywood drive out the Hollywood and Santa Ana Freeways to Paramount Blvd. Turn right and drive south to Compton Blvd. Turn right and drive west to Garfield Ave. Turn left and drive south to our nursery on the right hand side of the road about one mile. We are open weekdays and Saturdays 8 to 5, and Sundays 10 to 4. Our street address is 16613 So. Garfield Ave., Paramount, Calif. Our phone number is MEtcal 3-7315.



## • ACRES OF WATER LILIES

## • THOUSANDS OF CACTI AND BEAUTIFUL SUCCULENTS

EVERY YEAR hundreds of visitors from every State in the Union drop in to see our nursery exhibits when on tours to the Coast. Amongst our acres of water gardens, greenhouses and cactus gardens we are sure that you will find something of interest. During the summer you will see great pools with thousands of Tropical Water Lilies in full bloom, a sight not soon forgotten. Practically all the choicer varieties are on display so that you may select the ones you most admire. Our collection of Hardy Water Lilies is unsurpassed and in our display pools you will see many of the rarest varieties brought together during our many years of collecting. Interesting too are the various shallow water and bog plants and the stately Egyptian Lotus. In our greenhouses you will see collections of tropical foliage and flowering plants and orchids.

Our Cactus collection is one of the largest in the world and you will see hundreds of thousands of these fascinating desert dwellers in all stages from the tiniest seedlings to flowering specimens. Our collection embraces specimens of all the important genera from North and South America including the tropical tree-climbing kinds and the epiphytic Rhipsalis. Our Succulent collection is very extensive with hundreds of representatives from Africa, Brazil, and Mexico. Outdoors there are rock gardens replete with fine specimens of the choicer kinds, some many feet in height.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

We are always pleased to receive photographs of our customers' pools. Other enthusiasts are happy to see the success you have had. For every photograph we use we will be glad to send \$5.00 worth of water plants of your choice.

### FROM AN OLD CUSTOMER

Dear Sir:

The shipment of lilies arrived in perfect condition. They had been so carefully packed that it was no trick at all to slip them immediately into the pool and into their prepared boxes. Already they look happy and flourishing which means beautiful flowers in the near future. Reminiscing for a moment, at the time we built our 2 pools about 25 years ago we ordered our waterlilies and water plants from Johnson Water Gardens. Throughout the years those plants have multiplied and given us immense satisfaction.

—Mrs. Harry Elliott, Sausalito, Calif.

## A Few More Money Saving Collections

### THRIFTY DUET Coll. V6

Marliac Yellow, and Marliac Pink.  
The two.....

\$4.00

### 10 HARDY LILIES

My Best Varieties  
Coll. V 2

All completely described in this catalog. Our best A1 stock.

ATTRACTION  
SUNRISE  
GONNERE  
COMANCHE  
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ESCARBOUCLE  
MARLIAC YELLOW  
FORMOSA  
GLORIOSA  
CONQUEROR

A whopping big value  
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### QUEENS OF THE POOL

Collection V 9

We consider these among our finest. As with all our lilies, these are strong, vigorous, ready to bloom plants.

GLORIOSA, SUNRISE, CONNERE.  
The Three Shipped Postpaid.....

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## OUR CACTUS NURSERIES

The popularity of cacti is growing by leaps and bounds for they succeed so well as house plants. They are fascinating with their beautiful flowers, the tracery of their orderly arranged spines and their quaint forms. You will be surprised at the ease with which they will grow in your window gardens.

Our Cactus Catalog describes and pictures hundreds of varieties in colors and with photos besides giving cultural directions. We think you will be pleased at their reasonable prices and fine selection. Practically all our plants are raised from seeds and have an abundance of vigorous healthy roots to assure your success. Write for catalog to Johnson Cactus Gardens Box 300, Paramount, Calif.



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# BLUE TRIUMPH — *The Easiest Water Lily to Grow!*

## TESTIMONIALS

### A REAL TEST

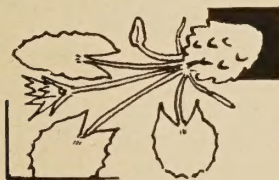
Dear Sir:

This spring I received a 2-Year-Old Blue Triumph from you. As I live on the north shore of Lake Superior where our short summers are noted for their coolness, I was very doubtful as to whether it would bloom. I was very pleasantly surprised for the plant bloomed continuously, several blossoms at a time, and was the main attraction in my pool and garden. I shall have more of them next year. Sincerely yours, Dr. F. W. Roerr, Duluth, Minn.

### A HAPPY EXPERIENCE

Dear Sirs:

I received the Blue Triumph lily the first week in June and was amazed at the size of the root. Just one week after planting it blossomed and it has kept it up continually with from three to five blossoms daily. To say that I am pleased with it is putting it mildly. Miss Emily L. Morris, Hamden, Conn.

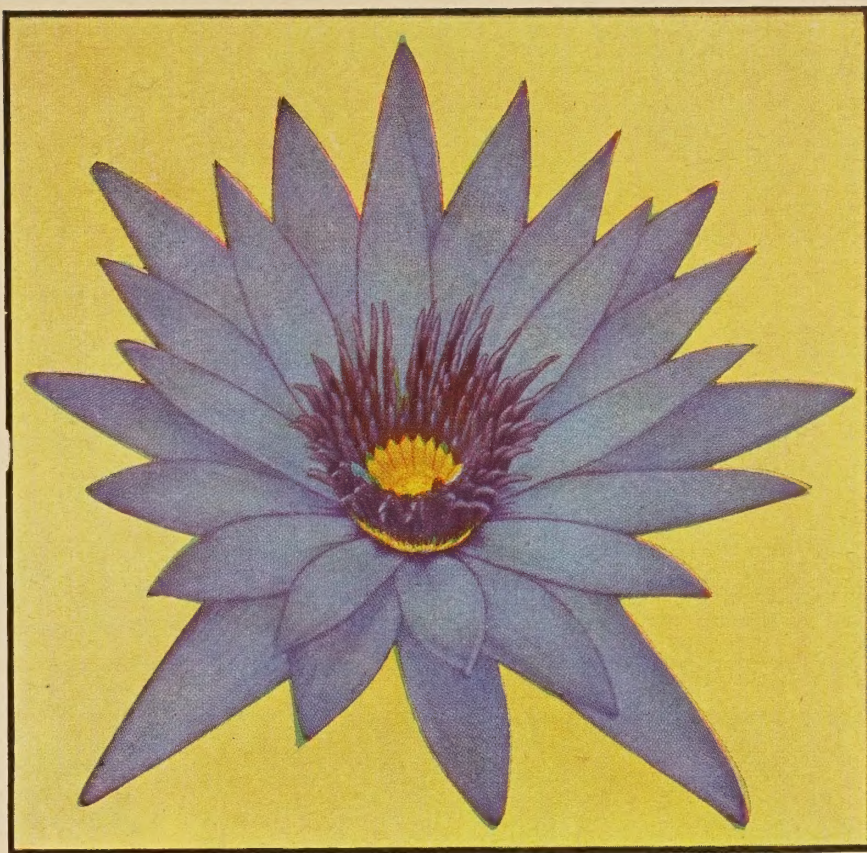


Note the strong woody rhizome our 2-year-old plants bear. This is what gives them their vigor and early flowering qualities.

It requires a year of growth to produce this type of rhizome which during the second year often branches into several crowns for you. You will enjoy these extra flowering crowns.



Ethan Johnson with daughter Deanna and a 2-year-old plant of Blue Triumph dug from our pools in December.



**BLUE TRIUMPH . . . *The easiest water lily to grow!***

## TWO-YEAR-OLD PLANTS . . .

***Only Johnson Can Supply Them!***

This glorious day blooming tropical lily is our great specialty and we take particular pride in the vigorous flowering plants we supply. These plants are 2 years old and have the size, strength, and hardiness that only 2-year-old plants can have. Remember, they produced scores of blossoms last summer, each from 6 to 12 inches in diameter and that when you receive them they are almost always starting into full bloom. Observe in the photo on the left the husky rhizome it bears, like that of a Hardy Lily, which enables it to get started in your pool with no loss of time even if the weather should turn cold and stormy after planting. Have these gorgeous plants in full flower before those purchased elsewhere are even started! They are a sight worth traveling far to see with their great, dark, purple-blue blossoms incredibly as large as dinner plates. They bloom freely in the small pool with flowers in proportion. During the summer these plants often split up into several crowns each of which will flower as freely as the mother plant.

**Our Special Two-Year-Old Blue Triumph, each . . . \$4.25**



Blue Triumph growing in the pool of Mrs. C. M. Ronston of Farmington, Ill. Note its freedom of flowering as well as its moderate growth.



## BOG PLANTS FOR SHALLOW WATER AND MOIST GROUND

This is a selected list of bog plants that will do equally well in shallow water 2-4 in. deep or in moist ground around the pool. Perfect as accent or background plants. See pages 12 and 13 for more complete descriptions.

### WATER IRIS

These beautiful Iris grow fine in water 2 in. deep or moist ground. When established they thrive, blooming early in spring.

**YELLOW WATER IRIS.** The strongest grower, 2-4 ft. high. One of the best. Each 50c, 2 for 75c

**PURPLE WATER IRIS.** Handsome purple flowers. Do not plant Iris too deep until they are established. Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00

**RED WATER IRIS.** Fine rust-red blossoms. Each 75c

**EGYPTIAN PAPYRUS.** Tall slender stalks to 6 ft. surmounted by dark green plumes. Not hardy in the East, but may be lifted in the fall and carried through the winter in the basement. Each 75c

**UMBRELLA PALM.** This well known plant does equally well in damp soil or shallow water. Makes a fine winter house plant too, if the pot is kept in a saucer of water. Each 50c, 2 for 75c



**DWARF VARIEGATED SWEET FLAG.** A charming plant to 10 in. Iris-like in habit with beautifully striped gold and green leaves. Each 75c

**HORSE TAIL.** Dark green stalks the size of a lead pencil ringed with black and white bands at the joints. An attractive and interesting plant. Each 75c, 2 for \$1.25

**DWARF UMBRELLA PALM.** A miniature form of the Umbrella Palm growing to 18 in. Dainty in appearance, it makes small clumps. Each 75c, 2 for \$1.25

**PYGMY PAPYRUS.** A miniature form of Papyrus growing to 18 in. One of the finest of all bog plants making neat clumps of dark green crowned with small plumed heads. Each 65c, 2 for \$1.00

**SPIRAL PALM.** Clumps of rust-brown plumes. Each 50c, 2 for 75c

**PURPLE LOOSESTRIPE.** Spikes of purple flowers. Each 65c

**PRIMROSE WILLOW.** Coppery, slender leaves, bright yellow flowers, growing to 5 ft. Each 50c, 2 for 75c

**BUTTERCUP BUSH.** Willow-like leaves, bright yellow flowers, to 5 ft. Each 50c, 2 for 75c



A California pool at the home of Mrs. Barker of Long Beach, with daughter Barbara. Tall plant at right is Butterfly Rush, tall center plant is Pickerel Rush, and between the two is Blue Triumph in full bud. Water Poppy at left.



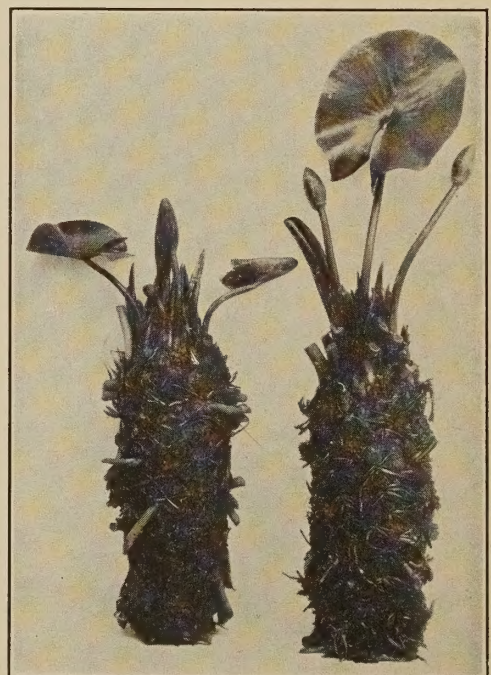
Mr. Wippich of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota has built a fine pool. Lotus and tropical lilies at left. Hardy water lilies in central part, and Yellow Iris at right.

### MARGINAL PLANTS

**HARDY FOUNTAIN GRASS.** A handsome feathery grass growing to 2 ft., forming fine clumps bearing scores of rose colored "cattails." Does well in dry or damp soil. Each 60c, 2 for \$1.00

**DWARF ARCTIC BLUE WILLOW.** A wonderful dwarf willow growing to 18 in. with glaucous-blue leaves. At home under all types of conditions and completely hardy. Plant several in a cluster for a superb showing. Small plants. Each \$1.25

**FRENCH PUSSY WILLOW.** A superb strain of imported Pussy Willow producing exceptionally large "pussys" in spring. Upright growth to 10 ft. An easily grown plant making a handsome specimen. Small plants. Each \$1.25



A sample of our hardy water lily rhizomes ready for shipment.



# Oxygenating Plants for a Balanced Pool and Healthy Fish. Beautiful Too!



Ludwigia

Oxygenating plants are common in natural ponds. They add to the general balance and offer protection and food to fish. They may be planted in pots or boxes by themselves or they may be planted with the water lilies.



Fish Grass

**Fish Grass.** Bright green chains of leaves. One of the best varieties.

3 bunches 50c

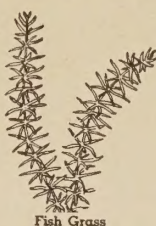
**Eel Grass.** Ribbon like leaves 2-3 feet long. Propagates by runners.

6 for 50c

## OXYGENATING PLANTS

Coll. V 15

15 Oxygenating plants in 4 varieties for a 6 x 8 pool. \$1.85



Sagittaria

**Ludwigia mulertii.** A creeping or submerged plant. Copper colored leaves, pink beneath. 3 bunches for 50c

**Sagittaria sinensis.** Broad ribbon leaves 6-9 inches long. In shallow water it bears aerial leaves and white blossoms. 3 for 50c

**Coontail.** Feathery green rootless plumes floating under water.

3 bunches for 50c

**Cryptocoryne Willisii.** Makes one of the finest aquarium plants. Lance leaves with crisped margins. 2 for 50c



Coontail

## OXYGENATING PLANTS

Coll. V 16

30 Oxygenating plants, 5 varieties for a 10 x 12 pool. \$3.50



Cryptocoryne Willisii

## POOL SCAVENGERS



Water snails aid in maintaining a clean pool by feeding on decaying vegetation and algae. Every pool should stock an adequate amount of these snails to maintain proper balance.

Due to hot weather, snails cannot be shipped during the months from June 15th to October 15th.

Please add 35c to your order of snails. This will enable us to ship them to you Special Delivery. The quickest and safest way possible.

**Black Ramshorn Snails.** Particularly prolific breeders, laying their eggs in jelly-like spots on back of lily leaves. Splendid for keeping pool clean. 6 for 65c, per dozen \$1.15

**Coral Snails.** Similar to Black Ramshorn but with red body. Best aquarium snail. Fine for pool.

35c per pair, per dozen \$1.50

**Japanese Trapdoor Snails.** Large live-bearing snails that are voracious feeders on green scum. Should be in every pool.

35c per pair, per dozen \$1.50

## SCAVENGER COLLECTIONS

Coll. V17. For a pool 4 x 5 feet. 12 assorted snails. \$1.20

Col. V18. For a pool 6 x 8 feet. 50 assorted snails. \$4.15

## Night Blooming Water Lilies



Open from dusk to mid-morning.

Huge mahogany or green leaves with scalloped edges and gorgeous 8-10 in. flowers opening at dusk and closing about ten o'clock the following morning. See page 5 for culture.

## MOONLIGHT DUET Coll. V 25

1 White and 1 Pink Nightbloomer, our selection. Shipped postpaid for \$6.95



AMABILIS

Huge, warm pink, starry blossoms. An extremely floriferous hardy lily. Each \$3.50



LITTLE JOHNNIE LOVES HIS POOL!



# Valley of the Nile

Coll. V 10

From the stately Sacred Lotus with its huge musk scented blossoms to the exquisite Gloriosa, this is a collection to bring drama and color to your yard. All of the plants are carefully selected as the easiest to grow and the most free flowering. Plant them in rich clayey soil and watch them grow! (See page 5 for culture.)

Sacred Lotus, see below for description; Gloriosa, the best red hardy lily; Comanche, beautiful amber-red hardy lily; Egyptian Papyrus, handsome plumes; Peacock Hyacinth, orchid like blossoms; Water Poppy, golden yellow poppy blossoms.

**A \$12.25 Value Shipped Postpaid for \$10<sup>95</sup>**

## GLORIOSA

No other red hardy lily can surpass this beauty for abundance of flowers. Each flower a glowing cup of bright red 4-5 in. across. It is very easy to grow and will flower abundantly in a tub garden or the largest pool. Flowering size plants.

Each \$3.50

## LOTUS

Lotus are the answer in adding height and grace to your pool. Leaves and flowers are carried on tall slender stems and make a wonderful background—stately and exotic. Try planning one in a No. 3 galvanized tub in your lawn for a new effect. Perfectly hardy anywhere in the U. S. and easily grown.

**LOTUS ARE SHIPPED FROM EARLY MARCH TO JUNE 15th.** They can be shipped only when dormant, and as they start growing as soon as we flood the pool in early June, they can not be shipped after that date.

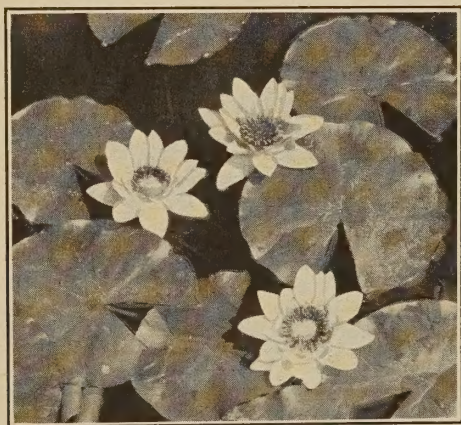
**SUNRISE QUEEN LOTUS.** Light cream-colored flowers.

Each \$3.75

## SACRED LOTUS

Umbrella like leaves of glaucous-blue, 12-18 in. across, borne well above the water on slender stalks and in summer majestic flowers of rose-pink. Give them a rich clayey soil and regular feedings with a good fertilizer to bring them to full maturity. See page 5 for further culture. Flowering size rhizomes.

Each \$3.50



## MARY PATRICIA

A semi-dwarf hardy lily with dainty cupped flowers of rose-pink. It flowers with great freedom all summer and is noteworthy for its sturdy growth and easy culture. We make no reservations in recommending this fine lily. Flowering size.

Each \$3.00



**JOHNSON WATER GARDENS**  
PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA